# REDMOOR ENRICHMENT COURSE

20th-24th June 2022

Your REC journey starts now...



#### Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to present details of our Redmoor Enrichment Course (REC) for the academic year 2021-2022. As part of their educational provision at Redmoor Academy, all students in KS3 are required to complete three Enrichment Courses, one in each academic year. We passionately believe in providing students with exciting and enriching opportunities beyond the classroom that develop them as individuals, alongside academic progress.

Events of the last 18 months have not only prevented these events from taking place but have also emphasised just how important they are to our students.



This year there are 15 courses available, giving our students a wide variety from which to make their choice. Some of the courses are fully-residential, while others are part-residential and part school-based and some are wholly school-based courses that consist of a series of "school day" opportunities. Each is designed to extend students' knowledge, skills and understanding in addition to enhancing the personal development of every individual who takes part. The aim is for students to have an opportunity to gain independence, confidence and resilience, with a chance to meet new people, discover who they actually are and who they can be.

Whilst we require a financial contribution to ensure REC week is a successful and enriching experience, we work hard to offer a range of experiences at different costs and, in challenging financial times for schools, continue to fund the organisation and running of this provision. We believe in the benefits it offers our students and I therefore ask that you spend some time with your child to read about the options available and discussing the most appropriate course.

#### **Payment Information**

I would like to remind you that as the activities take place predominantly within school hours, there is no legal obligation for full-contribution payments. It would however, be impossible for the school to fully finance those activities that incur a cost. Therefore, we ask that you support us with those courses, otherwise that element of the programme may not be able to proceed. Please refer to the payment schedules at the back of the booklet for details of each trip.

Where appropriate and beneficial, the academy contracts external providers to deliver some programmes of study and therefore, all deposits are non-refundable and instalment deadlines must be met. In certain circumstances, Redmoor Academy may be able to help students financially. Further advice about this can be sought from Mrs Jane Sulley, Business Manager.

Should you wish to discuss any other aspect of the programme of study offered as part of our Enrichment Course, you should either contact Miss Smart or Mrs Green on 01455 230731 or via email on esmart@redmooracademy.org/sgreen@redmooracademy.org.

Please complete the Options Form by Monday 1st November 2021. You will be notified which programme of study your child will participate in once the allocation process is complete.



Are you a keen cook or baker? Are you hopeless in the kitchen and wish you had more skills? Or do you simply love to try new tastes? Come with us to York for a food-themed week of hands-on activities, mixed with a bit of history and culture in this beautiful city. There will be many opportunities to try out your culinary skills; making butter, cheese and even chocolate. You will meet the experts, learn about food production and also get plenty of opportunities to sample the gorgeous food. We will be staying in the heart of the city and our week also includes a visit to the famous York minster, a walk along the city walls and opportunities for some shopping in the famous Shambles. Our week will end with a visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park to see many exotic species including a family of polar bears! All food is included in the price of the trip, except for any needed during travel. What better way to spend a sunny week in June?

### Please note - a deposit of £125 is required with the choices form for this trip



### Parents Get Lost - PGL Dorset

Year 7/8



This trip will be a week filled with fun and adventure.

You will experience a multi activity 5 day/4 night break where you will be able to develop teamwork, gain some independent skills, have new challenges of many types. You will be on the go all the time taking part in activities such as abseiling, canoeing, zip wire, hiking, orienteering, fencing, quad biking as an example.

You will be sharing your living and sleeping space as a team, eating together and tackling the days adventures together.

### Please note – a deposit of £125 is required with the choices form for this trip



Year 8/9



Are you up for a week challenge on a Bear Grylls type residential? If so we are looking to recruit year 8 & 9 students who have a sense of adventure and can work well as a team.

Students will be challenged physically when taking part in outdoor activities in unfamiliar environments with a guaranteed increase self confidence and self reliance.

The week will be tough, muddy, and fun. A GSOH\* will be needed plus plenty of energy.... This awesome five night residential experience will be physically demanding but full of fun, allowing you to participate in new and exciting activities such as gorge scrambling, climbing and abseiling, canoeing/kayaking and much, much more!

**Note:** The Storey Arms Centre provides all specialist equipment including wetsuits, waterproofs, walking boots, rucksacks, safety helmets etc. so there will not be any additional expenses other than a small amount of pocket money to spend on the journey and in the Storey Arms Tuck Shop \*good sense of humour.

Please note – This trip leaves Hinckley on Sunday 19th June 2022 at 2pm and a deposit of £125 is required with the choices form



# Edinburgh

Year 7/8/9



Would you like to visit Scotland's historic capital city? On this trip you will spend time in Edinburgh, a city full of sights, and visit landmarks including Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle and Edinburgh zoo - home to the UKs only Panda Bears. We'll be staying in the winding streets of the Old Town, steeped in history and will hear stories of ghosts and ghouls and visit the real Mary King's close, giving you a flavour of what life was like to live in the old town of Edinburgh. We'll step aboard the Queen's royal yacht which is now permanently based in Edinburgh and visit some of the UK's most unique museums, including Camera Obscura which is dedicated to optical illusions and allows you a 360 degree view of the city.

Please note – a deposit of £125 is required with the choices form for this trip



# Cosmopolitan Adventure Year 7/8/9



Travel to our Capital city of London, leaving at 9am and staying in a central hotel for 4 days and 3 nights. View the city from the heights of the London Eye and sail down the River Thames entering Traitors Gate to the Tower of London. See a showstopper in the West End, visit the Clink and tour Shakespeare's Globe as well as the Natural History Museum. Visit Harry Potter under the stairs of 4 Privet Drive on the way home returning around 4pm Thursday. Then finish the week with a thousand years worth of history at a local cultural location! Don't miss out on this Cosmopolitan Adventure!

### Please note – a deposit of £125 is required with the choices form for this trip

# Surf's Up

Year 7/8/9



Surf's Up will place you in the vibrant Cornish town of Newquay, where you will take part in a range of thrilling coastal activities including coasteering, surfing, bodyboarding, volleyball, sailing, paddle-boarding, kayaking and zorbing. Evening entertainment includes; town walks, disco night and fish and chips on the beach with games and free time. The schedule is very busy and good punctuality is essential. Overall, this experience will ensure you gain new friendships, confidence and independence, but ONLY CHOOSE THIS OPTION if you are willing to challenge yourself to face the elements and push the boundaries of your capabilities!

Students **must** be able to swim a minimum of 10 metres.

### Please note – a deposit of £125 is required with the choices form for this trip

### Flash

Year 7/8/9



Do you want to challenge yourself across a range of skills and activities? We'll be using skis, mountain bikes, ropes, paddleboards and canoes to get the adrenalin pumping all week. We will also be capturing all of the action on camera with daily challenges to develop and practice photographic skills and techniques to enable you to capture special moments, whilst taking part in a wide range of energetic and thrilling activities. This programme offers a variety of day trips within the local area, including: mountain biking, a high-wire assault course, zip wire and rock climbing, just to name a few! If you're up for outdoor fun, challenging yourself and have a flair for photography, this trip is for you. It is advised that you have your own camera or phone to capture your images and take part in the competition of the week!



### Wildlife Week

Year 7/8/9



If you love being outdoors and getting close to nature, Wildlife Week is for you! During the week you will have the chance to go pond dipping, and practice a variety of other survey techniques used by professional ecologists. We will visit an RSPB nature reserve to do some bird watching and identification and Birmingham SEA Life centre to see some marine wildlife up close. You will also have the opportunity to design and make seed bombs and bug hotels which you can take home to turn your own garden into a wildlife oasis.

## History Alive

Year 7/8/9



Do you love history? Are you interested in the history we can find right here in the Midlands? On History Alive we will travel from Medieval times through Shakespearean England and right up to the history from 1945 to the present, with a stop off in our local area.

We will spend one day preparing and researching in school and then enjoy four historically based day trips. These will include a day in Stratford upon Avon, a day at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire and visits to two local areas which feature heavily in the history of our country. If you have an inquiring mind, an enthusiasm for learning about the past and a desire to discover more about history, History Alive is for you.

## Horsing Around

Year 7/8/9



If you've always wanted to learn to ride a horse or if you have ridden before and are keen to develop your skills, then this is the activity for you! We will spend the week at Markfield Equestrian Centre where you will have a daily riding lesson and learn how to look after and care for your pony. Activities will include learning how to groom, plait, tack up and everyone's favourite...mucking out!

# The Redmoor Sewing Bee Year 7/8/9



Have you ever fancied yourself as the next British fashion designer? Do you love to watch the Sewing Bee? Do you like to create things out of fabric? Or maybe you just want to try something new.

Haggle over the cost of fabric at the world famous Rag Market in Birmingham and enjoy some window shopping in the designer shops at Grand Central.

Join us and see how simple it can be to create a piece of clothing and make some accessories to go with it.



# Don't Stop Moving!

Year 8/9



Can't keep still? Then this might be the course for you! This active programme looks at working both independently and as a team through a variety of challenges that will keep you moving. The course provides opportunity to:

- Improve your hand eye coordination
- Develop skills in the water
- Discover how stealthy you are
- Experience different physical challenges
- Enjoy working both your body and mind!

On this series of day trips, you will visit Waterworld. Go Ape, Ninja Warrior, Adrenaline Jungle and Delta force. Be prepared to 'Don't stop moving'!

# Eat, Sleep, Craft, Repeat Year 7/8/9



If you enjoy being creative and would like to learn a new craft, join us for a week of fun and creativity!

We will spend the week making exciting mini projects to take home using a variety of materials. Also there will be opportunities to attend off site workshops where an expert will help you achieve a new skill. It will be hands on and practical, allowing your inspiration, creativity and imagination to flourish. You will work individually or as part of a team, with the opportunity to make new friends with similar interests in imaginative design.

### **Animal Antics**

Year 7/8/9

£135

Do you love animals of all shapes and sizes? Do you fancy getting up close with creepy crawlies, mischievous monkeys, pretty parrots and colourful clownfish? Then Animal Antics is the one for you! During the week you'll explore the wonderful world of animals at Pukkapacas, Twycross Zoo, Birmingham SeaLife Centre and Tropical Birdland. You'll discover the amazing conservation and research work being undertaken around the world and wonder at the colourful diversity of animals that we share planet Earth with. So, get your place booked and come and have fun walking an Alpaca!

## Redmoor Experience

Year 7/8/9

Free

We will be running a week of activities that are offered at no cost and will predominantly be school-based. The activities offered will be as specifically tailored as possible to the individual. Our aim is to provide valuable, varied and relevant experiences which will both challenge and enhance the lives of those taking part. These may include experiences around sport, hair and beauty, catering, engineering and many more.



### REC 2021/22 - Parent Information

Redmoor Enrichment Course (REC) is an integral part of the curriculum, therefore all students in Yrs 7, 8 & 9 will be allocated one of the courses on offer for 2021/22.

#### Terms and Conditions:

All students will be given an opportunity to discuss with staff the courses on offer. Once the allocation process has taken place, please be aware that there will be no opportunity to change courses and all deposits paid are non refundable.

In order to secure coach travel and accommodation for our domestic residential trips, we will require an advance deposit payment of £125 for Monday 1st November to be paid through ParentMail - this facility will go live on Monday 18th October 2021. This deposit must be made at the time of submitting your child's choices and if not received, your child will not be considered for the trip. If your child is not then allocated a place on one of these trips, your deposit can either be carried forward towards their allocated trip or refunded and the agreed payment schedule will come into action.

The Google Options Form will be emailed to your son/daughter's school email account, which they can access via the school website. Can you please complete this with your son/daughter before the **deadline date of Monday 1st November 2021.** If you have any difficulties accessing this form, your son/daughter can obtain a hard copy from Student Reception.

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will automatically receive a £50 discount on the course of their choice. If Pupil Premium students choose Redmoor Experience or one of the courses which costs less than £50 the saved money will be used by the school to support their academic development in other ways. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals (and therefore Pupil Premium funding), please contact the Pupil Premium team at school who can advise how to apply.

### Polite reminder to Parents/Carers:

A specific payment schedule is allocated to each REC trip and it is important to make payments on or before the due dates. Your full support with this enables us to secure external providers and book tickets and coaches in advance of REC week.

If you experience difficulties with your payment schedule, please contact a member of the REC team in the first instance in order to discuss your concerns.

Miss E Smart Mrs S Green

# PROPOSED PAYMENT SCHEDULES FOR REC 2022

#### Edinburgh - £440

**Deposit by 1st November** - £125.00

31st Dec - £63.00 31st Jan - £63.00 28th Feb - £63.00 31st March - £63.00 30th April - £63.00

#### Welsh Adventure - £463

**Deposit by 1st November** - £125

31st Dec - £70.00 31st Jan - £67.00 28th Feb - £67.00 31st March - £67.00 30th April - £67.00

#### <u>Surf's Up - £435</u>

Deposit by 1st November - £125.00

31st Dec - £62.00 31st Jan - £62.00 28th Feb - £62.00 31st March - £62.00 30th April - £62.00

#### **PGL - £510**

Deposit by 1st November-£125.00

31st Dec - £77.00 31st Jan - £77.00 28th Feb - £77.00 31st March - £77.00 30th April - £77.00

#### York Foodie Trip - £495

Deposit by 1st November- £125.00

31st Dec - £74.00 31st Jan - £74.00 28th Feb - £74.00 31st March - £74.00 30th April - £74.00

#### Cosmopolitan Adventure - £525

Deposit by 1st November-£125.00

31st Dec - £80.00 31st Jan - £80.00 28th Feb - £80.00 31st March - £80.00 30th April - £80.00

#### **History Alive - £68**

Deposit by 6th Dec - £20.00

31st Jan - £12.00 28th Feb - £12.00 31st March - £12.00 30th April - £12.00

#### Wildlife Week - £22

Deposit by 6th Dec - £12.00

31st Jan - £10.00

#### The Great Redmoor Sewing Bee - £50

Deposit by 6th Dec - £20.00

31st Jan - £10.00 28th Feb - £10.00 31st March - £10.00

#### **Horsing Around - £210**

Deposit by 6th Dec - £50.00

31st Jan - £40.00 28th Feb - £40.00 31st March - £40.00 30th April - £40.00

#### Eat, Sleep, Craft, Repeat - £45

Deposit by 6th Dec - £15.00

31st Jan - £15.00 28th Feb - £15.00

#### Animal Antics - £135

Deposit by 6th Dec - £35.00

**31st Jan** - £25.00 **28th Feb** - £25.00 **31st March** - £25.00 **30th April** - £25.00

#### Don't Stop Moving - £220

Deposit by 6th Dec - £60.00

31st Jan - £40.00 28th Feb - £40.00 31st March - £40.00 30th April - £40.00

#### Flash - £165

Deposit by 6th Dec - £45.00

**31st Jan** - £30.00 **28th Feb** - £30.00 **31st March** - £30.00 **30th April** - £30.00

# REC Options Form 2021/22

Please tick 3 options from the trip list below with no ranking in order of preference:

Animal Antics	
Cosmopolitan Adventure	
Don't Stop Moving	
Eat, Sleep, Craft, Repeat	
Edinburgh	
Flash	
History Alive	
Horsing Around	
Parents Get Lost - PGL Dorset	
Redmoor Experience	
Redmoor Sewing Bee	
Surf's Up	
Welsh Adventure	
Wildlife Week	
York Foodie Trip	

Student Name:	Tutor group:	
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Parent/Carer Signature:	Date:	